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Dulles Is Reported Becoming Weaker

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The strength of John Foster Dulles was reported to be waning further today. Fears were expressed that he was about to lose his battle with cancer.

The 71-year-old statesman remained in bed under constant medical observation at Walter Reed Army Hospital. He has been a patient there, except for a brief rest in Florida, since Feb. 12.

Mr. Dulles suffered a mild pneumonia attack last Saturday. The State Department said yesterday that he had taken a turn for the worse. It said today that there had been no

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State's family has been gathering in Washington. Relatives who were out of town were called here last Saturday.

Mr. Dulles' wife, Janet, has been spending each night at the hospital. His brother, Allen W., who is head of the Central Intelligence Agency and his sister, Eleanor, a State Depart-

ment official, normally reside in this city.

Mr. Dulles' son, the Rev. Avery J. Dulles, came here from Rome where he had been studying. Father Dulles normally resides here.

Also called were a son, John Watson Dulles, a mining engineer in Mexico City; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Hinshaw of New York City, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Edwards of Rye, N. Y., and Mrs. Natalie Seymourt of Utica, N. Y.

The State Department said today that it planned to issue no medical bulletins on a fixed schedule, but would report any changes in Mr. Dulles' condition.

The attack of pneumonia that appeared to have caused the latest deterioration in Mr. Dulles' condition was made known a day after he had been visited separately by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Christian A. Hexter.

Earlier last week President Eisenhower took Sir Winston Churchill to see Mr. Dulles. The President also dropped in for nearly an hour at the hospital

on his way from the White House to his retreat at Camp David, Md., on Friday, May 8. Secretary Hexter, who succeeded Mr. Dulles, paid a call before going to the foreign ministers' meeting at Geneva.

Mr. Dulles' condition offered little hope, but he has repeatedly demonstrated extraordinary recovery powers.

His struggle began in 1954

when he underwent surgery for a malignant growth in the colon.

He appeared to have recovered from it and resumed his stiff working pace.

Last February, however, when Mr. Dulles was operated on for a hernia, Army doctors discovered that cancer had recurred.

Massive X-ray treatments and injections of radioactive gold and a recuperative sojourn in Florida failed to halt the cancer's spread. It was found April 12 that the malignancy had spread to Mr. Dulles' lower stomach.

Another patient at the hospital, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was reported today to be making a satisfactory recovery from a cancer operation last Thursday.

Surgeons said, after the Twining operation, that the 61-year-old air officer would be able to return to work in about five or six weeks. It was said that the entire malignancy had been taken out with the removal of the upper left lobe of his lung and that no traces of malignancy were found elsewhere in his chest.